

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Frank Bergmann et al.

Serial No: 10/676,589) Art Unit
Filed: October 1, 2003) 2874
For: COUPLING UNIT FOR COUPLING AN OPTICAL)
TRANSMITTING AND/OR RECEIVING MODULE TO)
AN OPTICAL FIBER)
Examiner: Tina Mei Seng Wong)

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the communications mailed on October 13, 2006. The Applicant concurs with the Examiner's conclusion that the prior art does not suggest or render obvious the claimed invention. However, Applicant submits that it is the claim as a whole, rather than any particular limitation, that makes each of the claims in the above-identified application allowable. No single limitation should be construed as the reason for allowance of a claim because it is each of the elements of the claim that distinguish the claim from the prior art and make it allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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